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Executive Gardner Applauds Community Cooperation in Addressing School Construction Challenges

FREDERICK, MD – Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner today pledged to continue working toward a multi-pronged solution to address school overcrowding in the face of rapidly rising construction costs.

“There has been tremendous cooperation from everyone in our community in solving the great challenge for our schools,” said Executive Gardner. “Working together, we will put the pieces of the puzzle together, consider all the viable options and solve this challenge. We share a common goal and I am committed to building a consensus with elected officials, educators and our Board of Education, parents and PTA advocates and members of our business community, including the developers.”

Executive Gardner utilized [this week’s public information briefing](#) to discuss the magnitude of considerations surrounding school construction issues over the next six years and how they impact quality education. She outlined options such as controlling costs, advocating for state funding and legislation, delaying other capital projects to keep school projects on time, modifying current projects, continuing conversations with the development community about partnerships, and passing local legislation to increase development impact fees and mitigation fees.

One of the best ways the community can help find solutions to school construction issues is to participate in the public hearing process.

The County Council will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, at Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Md. Executive Gardner encouraged the public to attend and thanked Council President Bud Otis and Vice President MC Keegan-Ayer for being “great partners and collaborators in sharing her goal of providing funding for our schools.”

To watch today’s briefing, visit www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/video and scroll down to the County Executive section.

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